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SUBJ: PRESIDENT LOPEZ REAFFIRMS COLOMBIAN SUPPORT FOR PANAMA ON
CANAL ISSUE

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1. PRESIDENT LOPEZ, IN A JANUARY 20 ADDRESS AT ROLDANILLO, RE-
STATED COLOMBIA'S SUPPORT OF PANAMANIAN EFFORTS TO REGAIN SOVER-
EIGNTY IN THE CANAL ZONE. SPEAKING IN THE COMPANY OF VISITING
PANAMANIAN LEADER OMAR TORRIJOS, LOPEZ PLEDGED CONTINUING COOP-
ERATION AND SAID THAT COLOMBIA, AS "PANAMA'S OLDER SISTER", HAD A
SPECIAL OBLIGATION TO ASSIST IN THE PANAMANIAN EFFORT. (SEE
FBIS)
2. TORRIJOS, AS HE HAD ON ARRIVAL (REFTEL) LARGELY AVOIDED CON-
TROVERSIAL MATTERS. HE DID, HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO A RADIO RE-
PORT, CONFIRM TO AN INTERVIEWER THAT EIGHT PERSONS WHOM HE DE-
SCRIBED AS EXTREME RIGHT POLITICIANS HAD BEEN DEPORTED TO ECUADOR.
HE ALSO STATED THAT HIS REGIME WAS QUITE STABLE AND HAD WIDESPREAD
POPULAR SUPPORT.
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